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ATTEND IN MOSCOW CONCERNING IMPORTS OF ROAD-BUILDING EQUIPMENT

GDR re-

quirements for road-building vehicles and other road-building equipment and ~~and~~ Soviet offer to cover such needs.

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2. [redacted] trade negotiations carried on in Moscow during the period 12 June-24 July 1952 concerning GDR imports of modern road-building machinery and equipment from the U.S.R. [redacted] efforts made by the U.S.R. to provide the GDR with modern machinery, implements, and equipment for agriculture, construction industry, transportation, and machine building.

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GDR procurement difficulties arose mostly from the fact that the GDR delegation arrived in Moscow at a relatively late date and most of the Soviet commitments had already been made. Nevertheless the USSR was able to set aside a considerable amount of road-building machinery and equipment. The final specifications of the machines to be delivered to the GDR were transmitted to the road-building people. Specifications from Technipromimport were transmitted on 12 July, from Mashinoexport on 17 and 24 July, and from Promsyrioexport on 24 July 1952. The GDR was able to deliver only part of some items and it will be left up to the various consumers to come to an agreement concerning the allocation of these items. All the road-building machines and equipment are to be shipped to the DIAs (Intra-German and Foreign Trade Enterprises) for transportation. Machines and for machines, which will arrange delivery to the appropriate consumers at the time when the shipments arrive at the GDR border.

3. [redacted] the GDR delegation was handed German instruction booklets for various machinery purchased and that these booklets are being translated into German.

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